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SUBJECT: EFFORT TO ESTABLISH G-77 SECRETARIAT

1. MISBAH OREIBI, ECONOMIC MINISTER OF LIBYAN MISSION, TOLD MISSION OFFICER IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 29 THAT EFFORTS ARE NOW UNDERWAY WITHIN THE GROUP OF 77 IN NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH THE NUCLEUS OF A G-77 SECRETARIAT. ACCORDING TO OREIBI, MEXICAN AND VENEZUELAN DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK ARE LEADING THIS EFFORT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE LIBYANS WHO HAVE FOR SOME TIME BEEN ADVOCATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A G-77 SECRETARIAT. OREIBI SAID THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE G-77 CAUCUS AT THE RECENT TCDC CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES, BUT

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THAT LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THAT TIME. OREIBI FEELS THAT THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF A SECRETARIAT WOULD BE TO SERVE AS A REPOSITORY FOR DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE G-77 AND TO FACILITATE COORDINATION AMONG THE G-77 IN NEW YORK, GENEVA AND OTHER UN CITIES. OREIBI SAID THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON THE LOCATION OF A G-77 SECRETARIAT, BUT HE HOPES THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN SETTLING THIS

AND OTHER BASIC QUESTIONS BY EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE SAID THAT THE G-77 MIGHT POSSIBLY DECIDE AT ITS FEBRUARY ARUSHA MEETING TO ESTABLISH THE SECRETARIAT IF ENOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY THEM.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OREIBI DID NOT DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH THE G-77 ARE ENCOUNTERING, EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A G-77 SECRETARIAT IN THE PAST HAVE NOT PROGRESSED VERY FAR DUE TO PROBLEMS OF FINANCING, AND DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE G-77 ON THE LOCATION, STAFFING AND NEED FOR SUCH A SECRETARIAT. MISSION WILL REPORT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WE CAN OBTAIN FROM OTHER SOURCES ON THIS SUBJECT.  
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